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SUBJECT: PRAVDA ATTACKS PRC ON NEUTRON BOMB

1. ASSUME DEPT. HAS FULL TEXT OF JAN. 31 PRAVDA ARTICLE
BY V. GONCHAROV ENTITLED "NEUTRON BOMB AND PEKING AGITA-
TORS". THIS IS THE MOST FORCEFUL ATTACK WE HAVE SEEN IN
THE SOVIET CENTRAL PRESS CONDEMNING CHINESE POSITION ON
THE NEUTRON BOMB. PREVIOUS SOVIET COMMENTARY FOCUSED ON
CHINESE FAILURE TO CONDEMN THE NEUTRON BOMB.

2. ARTICLE BEGINS WITH STANDARD SOVIET CHARGES AGAINST
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CHINESE ATTEMPTS TO UPSET INTERNATIONAL DETENTE,
ESTABLISH CHINESE "WORLD HEGEMONY" AND TO "PLUNGE
THE WORLD INTO AN ABYSS OF NUCLEAR WAR". ARTICLE
THEN DESCRIBES CHINESE SUPPORT FOR THE PRODUCTION
AND DEPLOYMENT IN EUROPE OF THE NEUTRON BOMB,
QUOTING "PEOPLES' DAILY" AS SEEING "NOTHING BAD
AT ALL" ABOUT NEUTRON WEAPONS. ARTICLE ALSO

CRITICIZES PEKING'S "SUPPORT FOR THE AGGRESSIVE PLANS OF NATO'S BOSSES", CHARGES CHINA WITH PLAYING WITH THE "HAWKS OF THIS AGGRESSIVE BLOC", ATTACKS PEKING FOR PROCLAIMING FULL SOLIDARITY WITH THE "WELL-KNOWN ULTRA-RIGHT" FRG POLITICIAN M. WERNER WHO "RECENTLY VISITED PEKING AND HIGHLY PRAISED THE NEUTRON BOMB". ARTICLE ENDS BY HOLDING THAT IN PROVOKING WESTERN POLITICIANS AND GENERALS TOWARD NEW AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS STEP IN THE ARMS RACE, PEKING PROVOCATORS THUS PUSH MANKIND TOWARD NUCLEAR CATASTROPHE.

3. PRAVDA JAN. 31 (AND EARLIER) ALSO CARRIES A FEW OF A STREAM OF TASS STORIES COMING OFF THE WIRES ON PUBLIC STATEMENTS MADE IN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK BY THE COMMUNIST FRONT WORLD PEACE COUNCIL DENOUNCING THE NEUTRON BOMB. ONE STORY, APPEARING ON SAME PAGE AS GONCHAROV ANTI-CHINESE ARTICLE, QUOTES VIETNAMESE UN PERM REP AS ATTACKING U.S. ON THE NEUTRON BOMB AND HUMAN RIGHTS.
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